

73. (cancelled)

74. (currently amended) The method as defined in claim 70 ~~139~~, the user initiated command being given through a single HTML tag on the primary web page.

75. (currently amended) The method as defined in claim 70 ~~139~~, the user initiated command being a keystroke command code.

76. (currently amended) The method as defined in claim 70 ~~139~~, the user initiated command being through an icon.

77. (cancelled)

78. (original) The method as defined in claim 76, the icon being on a browser's tool bar.

79. (currently amended) The method as defined in claim 70, further including a request for linking application process whereby a third party seeks permission from an owner of the primary web page to add a new supplementary link to the primary web page.

80. (original) The method as defined in claim 79, the request for linking application process including a list of criterion which must be met before the third party can add a new supplementary link to the primary web page, the addition of the new supplementary link being automatically permitted upon the third party meeting the list of criterion.

81. (original) The method as defined in claim 70, further including means for searching for supplementary links within a specified proximity to a cursor.

82. (original) The method as defined in claim 70, further including a search engine that searches for supplementary links that meet specified search criterion.

83. (currently amended) A method of linking web pages, comprising the steps of:
 associating at least more than one supplementary link with a primary web page, each supplementary link does not have an anchor on the primary web page, each supplementary link being stored in a datastructure that is separate from content of the primary web page, each supplementary link providing access to at least one secondary web page, each supplementary link being normally hidden from the view of the user so as not to disrupt the flow of text or graphics displayed on the web page, ~~each supplementary link being independent of any menu accessible through links visible to the user on the primary web page;~~
 providing a user initiated command by which all normally hidden supplementary links becomes visible and accessible to the user.
 providing means by which each supplementary link may be transformed into a regular hypertext link.

84. (cancelled)

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87. (currently amended) The method as defined in claim 83, ~~the user-initiated command~~ the information processing means being ~~given through a single~~ at least one HTML tag on the primary web page.

88. (currently amended) The method as defined in claim 83, ~~the user-initiated command~~ the information processing means being a keystroke command code.

89. (currently amended) The method as defined in claim 83, ~~the user-initiated command~~ the information processing means being through an icon.

90. (cancelled)

91. (original) The method as defined in claim 89, the icon being on a browser's tool bar.

92. (currently amended) The method as defined in claim 83, further including a request for linking application process whereby a third party seeks permission from an owner of the primary web page to add a new supplementary link to the primary web page.

93. (original) The method as defined in claim 92, the request for linking application process including a list of criterion which must be met before the third party can add a new supplementary link to the primary web page, the addition of the new supplementary link being automatically permitted upon the third party meeting the list of criterion.

94. (original) The method as defined in claim 83, further including ways for searching for hidden supplementary links within a specified proximity to a cursor.

95. (original) The method as defined in claim 83, further including a search engine that searches for hidden supplementary links that meet specified search criterion.

96. (cancelled)

97. (cancelled)

98. (currently amended) A method of linking web pages, comprising the steps of:
 associating several supplementary hidden links with a primary web page, each supplementary link lacks the features used to make the anchor of a normal hypertext link selectable, each supplementary link being normally hidden from the view of the user so as not to disrupt the flow of text or graphics displayed on the web page, ~~each supplementary link being independent of any menu accessible through links visible to the user on the primary web page~~, the supplementary hidden links being stored in a datastructure that is separate from content of the primary web page;
 ~~providing a user-initiated command by way of which all of the supplementary hidden links become accessible to the user to enable the user to access selected secondary web pages;~~
 providing information processing means by which each supplementary link may be transformed into a regular hypertext link.
 ~~providing a request for linking application process whereby a third party seeks permission from an owner of the primary web page to add a new supplementary hidden link to the primary web page, the request for linking application process including a list of criterion which must be met before the third party can add a new supplementary hidden link to the primary web page, the addition of the new supplementary hidden link being automatically permitted upon the third party meeting the list of criterion.~~

99 through 134 (Cancelled)

135. (previously presented) The method as defined in Claim 70, the association between the at least one supplementary link and the primary web page being explicitly reflected as content within the primary web page.

136. (original) The method as defined in Claim 70, the association between at least one supplementary link and the primary web page being implicitly derived from a selected attribute of the primary web page.

137. (previously presented) The method as defined in claim 70, having multiple supplementary links, with each supplementary link being linked to a pixel or a point between pixels on the primary web page.

138. (previously presented) The method as defined in claim 70, multiple supplementary links being linked to an individual pixel or a point between pixels on the primary web page.

139. (new) The method as defined in claim 70, where the information processing means is in response to a user initiated command.

140. (new) The method as defined in claim 70, where the information processing means automatically transforms at least one supplementary link immediately upon the user accessing the primary web page.

141. (new) The method as defined in claim 83, where the information processing means automatically transforms at least one supplementary link immediately upon the user accessing the primary web page.

142. (new) The method as defined in claim 98, where the information processing means automatically transforms at least one supplementary link immediately upon the user accessing the primary web page.

143. (new) The method as defined in claim 98, further including a request for linking application process whereby a third party seeks permission from an owner of the primary web page to add a new supplementary link to the primary web page.

144. (new) The method as defined in claim 143, the request for linking application process including a list of criterion which must be met before the third party can add a new supplementary link to the primary web page, the addition of the new supplementary link being automatically permitted upon the third party meeting the list of criterion.

145. (new) The method as defined in Claim 83, the association between at least one supplementary link and the primary web page being explicitly reflected as content within the primary web page.

146. (new) The method as defined in Claim 83, the association between at least one supplementary link and the primary web page being implicitly derived from a selected attribute of the primary web page.

147. (new) The method as defined in claim 83, having multiple supplementary links, with each